

CHARTER  
OCEAN RESEARCH ADVISORY PANEL

- A. Official Designation: The Committee shall be known as the Ocean Research Advisory Panel (hereafter referred to as the Panel).
- B. Objectives and Scope of Activities: The Panel, under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. § 7903, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended, shall provide independent scientific advice and recommendations to the National Oceanographic Research Leadership Council.
- C. Panel Membership: The Panel, under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. § 7903, shall consist of no less than 10 and no more than 18 members, representing the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, the Institute of Medicine, ocean industries, State Governments, academia and others including individuals who are eminent in the fields of marine science, marine policy or related fields including ocean resource management. Panel Members appointed by the Secretary of Defense or designated representative, who are not Federal officers or employees, shall serve as Special Government Employees under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109.
- Panel Members, under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. § 7903, shall be appointed on an annual basis by the Secretary of Defense or designated representative, and shall serve no more than four years. The Panel Membership shall select the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Panel for renewable one-year terms. In addition, the Secretary of Defense or designated representative may invite other distinguished Government officers to serve as non-voting observers of the Panel, and appoint consultants, with special expertise, to assist the Panel on an ad hoc basis.
- D. Panel Meetings: The Panel shall meet at the call of the Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Chairperson, and the minimum number of Panel meetings is one per year. The Panel shall be authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary, to fulfill its mission, and these subcommittees shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended.
- E. Duration of the Panel: The need for this advisory function is on a continuing basis; however, it is subject to renewal every two years.
- F. Agency Support: The Department of Defense, through the Secretary of the Navy and the Office of Naval Research, shall provide support as deemed necessary for the performance of the Panel's functions, and shall ensure compliance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. § 6.
- G. Termination Date: The Panel shall terminate upon recession 10 U.S.C. § 7903.
- H. Operating Costs: It is estimated that the operating costs, to include travel costs and contract support, for this Board is \$192,000.00. The estimated personnel cost to the Department of Defense is 0.6 full-time equivalents (FTEs).
- I. Charter Filed: January 20, 2006